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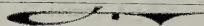
New Public Library,

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WEST BROMWICH,

June 10th, 1907.

Public Library Committee.



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Chairman.



GUILDFORD O. HODGES,
Librarian and Secretary.

Order of Proceedings.

INVITED guests will meet in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, at 12-45 prompt; will form into a procession and proceed to the front of the New Library. The Chairman (Councillor H. Langley Browne, M.D.), will call upon the Architect to present His Worship the Mayor (Councillor J. E. Wilson, J.P.) with a golden key with which to open the principal door.

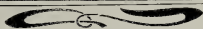
On entering, the guests will accompany the Mayor in inspecting the building, proceeding first through the Public Rooms, back down the Central Hall and up Principal Staircase to Lecture Hall. Before proceeding up Principal Staircase the Chairman will unveil two inscriptions, the first recording Mr. Andrew Carnegie's gift to the Borough, the second recording the opening ceremony by His Worship the Mayor.

In the Lecture Hall His Worship the Mayor will declare the building open.

Councillor H. Langley Browne, M.D. (Chairman), will propose a vote of thanks to His Worship the Mayor. Rev. J. W. Jones, M.A. (Deputy Chairman), will second the resolution.

Guests will then proceed down the Principal Staircase and back to the Town Hall, for luncheon at two o'clock.

Description of New Library.



THE new building has its frontage to High Street, and extends 80 feet.

The entrance is in the centre by a flight of steps, through a corridor, into a large spacious hall running up the two floors, with a beautiful faience and lustre mosaic staircase round, and lighted with a large glass-domed roof.

From this Central Hall access to the whole of the departments is obtained, on the right to the Reference Library and Lending Library, on the left to the Ladies' Room, Magazine Room, News Room, Juvenile Room and Committee Room.

On the first floor, approached by main staircase before mentioned, is provided a Lecture Room 50-feet by 35-feet, Retiring Room and Subscription Library.

The whole of the rooms are lofty, well lighted and well ventilated.

The Contractor is Mr. Thomas Hardy, of West Bromwich.

The Architect is Mr. Stephen J. Holliday, M.S.A., of West Bromwich.



FRONT ELEVATION.



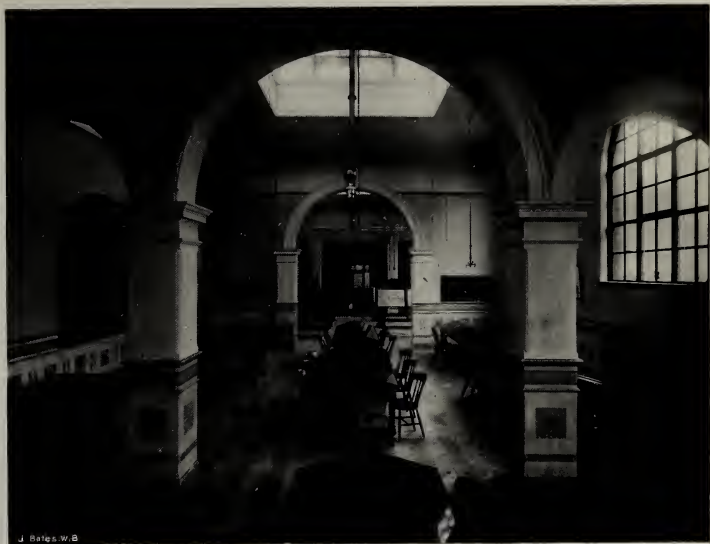
CENTRAL HALL.

J.B. 1895 W.B.



J. Bates, W.B.

CENTRAL CORRIDOR.



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PUBLIC READING ROOMS, LOOKING FROM LADIES' ROOM.



LENDING LIBRARY.

Comparative Items.

ROOMS.		NEW BUILDING.		OLD BUILDING.
HALL	... ..	100 feet long.	...	20 feet long.
REFERENCE LIBRARY	...	36 × 30 feet.	...	32 × 18 feet.
LENDING LIBRARY	...	74 × 30 feet.	...	32 × 18 feet.
LADIES' ROOM	... ..	30 × 20 feet.	...	One Table only.
MAGAZINE ROOM	...	30 × 30 feet.	...	24 × 24 feet.
NEWS ROOM	... ..	36 × 30 feet.	...	47 × 25 feet.
JUVENILE ROOM	... ..	15 × 30 feet.	...	None.

Also COMMITTEE and LIBRARIAN'S ROOM, STAFF ROOM, MENDING ROOM, FILING ROOM, STRONG ROOM, and LECTURE ROOM are all additional rooms, none having been provided for previously in the old building.

“O FOR a Booke and a Shadie Nooke,
Eyther in-a-doore or out;
With the grene leaves whisp’ring overhede,
Or the streete cryes all about.
Where I maie reade all at my ease,
Both of the Newe and Olde;
For a jollic goode Booke whereon to looke,
Is better to me than Golde.”

Old English Song.

